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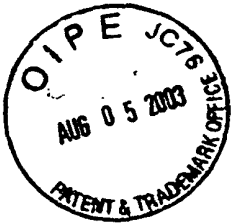
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The documents are being submitted within three (3) months of the filing or entry of the national stage of this application or before the first Office Action on the merits, whichever is later. Since these documents are being filed within the time period set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b) no fee or statement is required.

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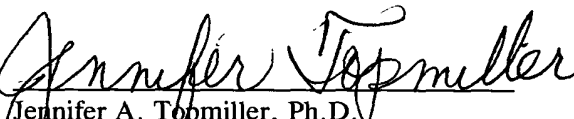
To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449.
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